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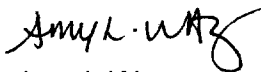
Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am writing to you this day regarding a matter that I feel demands your immediate attention. I have been a vegetarian for two years now and after reading an article about the forced molting of layer hens, I have since become a vegan. I was saddened and shocked to say the least to think about what these hens are actually put through all so that we can eat eggs.

Mr. Jaffe, forced molting is cruel and I beg that you do everything in your power to put an end to such inhuman treatment. The egg producer cares nothing about these beautiful, innocent creatures, they only care about reducing time so that increase their income. Forced molting puts a tremendous amount of stress on these hens and after only about one year old the hens are almost not recognizable. The natural life span for a hen is 15-20 years, "broilers" are slaughtered after just seven weeks old and "layers" at one to two years. My heart is saddened by this fact and I pray that you use your power to stop this. Hens and chickens were not put on this earth to sit in small, cramped, infested cages for their whole entire lives.

May I appeal to you, on behalf of me and all of my friends and family, to listen to your heart regarding the welfare of these animals? I urge you to immediately end the cruel treatment and killings and ensure the welfare of these beautiful creatures. Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important matter.

Respectfully,



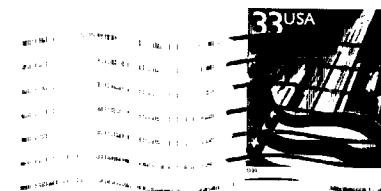
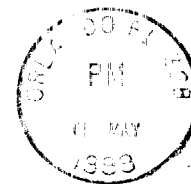
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